

HOUSE RESOLUTION 14

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Roger Russell upon receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.1 million Tennessee volunteers give over 143.9 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.4 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, they are the backbone of our communities, and by giving their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, these individuals should be recognized, not only to appreciate their efforts, but also in the hope that it will encourage others to step up and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Roger Russell of Lafayette is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, since his retirement in 2005, Mr. Russell has spent most of his time volunteering to improve the lives of others; some of his volunteer projects include helping with the design and construction of Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, assisting with home repair in the community, and constructing the women's building for the local fair; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2014, Roger Russell has coordinated the construction of a new city park, Winding Stairs Park; in the last three years, he has volunteered over 1,720 hours as the park has been developed; through an agreement with Macon County government, he leads a job-training program for several inmates each day, teaching them construction work skills in order to help them obtain a good job when they are released; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russell is a model citizen, and his commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Roger Russell for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.